

Loudoun County Economic Development Commission

Resolution of Support

For the Sister County Relationship between Loudoun County, Virginia and Main-Taunus-Kreis, Federal Republic of Germany

February 3, 2006

WHEREAS, Chairman Scott York and Supervisor Lori Waters were invited to visit the German County of Main-Taunus-Kreis that lies within the Greater Frankfurt metropolitan region;

WHEREAS, Chairman York, Supervisor Waters, and Loudoun County's International Business Ambassador visited Main-Taunus-Kreis in December of 2005 and met with local political, economic, education, and civic leaders;

WHEREAS, the purpose of the trip was to form economic, political, and cultural relationships between two counties that share striking similarities;

WHEREAS, a very positive reception was given to Loudoun's delegation and a bond quickly formed between the hosts and visitors;

WHEREAS, at the conclusion of the visit it is the desire of all parties to further this relationship;

WHEREAS, the Economic Development Strategic Plan supports international economic development efforts through at least four of the Plan's strategic initiatives; 1) Support our airports as global gateways, 2) Cultivate competitive industry clusters, 3) Advance entrepreneurship and economic diversity, and 4) brand and market Loudoun's assets;

WHEREAS, Loudoun is pursuing a more fiscally conservative approach to the international marketplace by establishing relationships to pursue economic development opportunities, instead of expending funds to open offices abroad;

WHEREAS, the primary goals of the Sister County relationship from the Loudoun perspective are to market the county as an ideal location for foreign-owned businesses seeking to do business in the United States and in the Americas and to encourage cultural exchanges between the school systems and governments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Loudoun County Economic Development Commission supports the furtherance of a Sister County relationship

between Loudoun County, Virginia and the County of Main-Taunus-Kreis in the Federal Republic of Germany; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, to the mutual benefit and greater friendship between our similarly dynamic counties, the EDC encourages the Board of Supervisors, along with the International Business Ambassador, to promote this affiliation by receiving a delegation from Main-Taunus-Kreis to Loudoun County and by establishing additional relationships with economic, political, and cultural leaders in Main-Taunus-Kreis as well as other parts of Germany to achieve the goals of the international economic development program.

**LOUDOUN COUNTY ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'J. G. Paciulli', written over a horizontal line.

By: Joseph G. Paciulli, Chairman

Date: 2/3/06